

**MINUTES OF SLINGER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS PROJECT
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 21, 2018

The meeting of the Economic Opportunity Analysis Project Steering Committee of the Village of Slinger was called to order by President Brandt at the Slinger Municipal Building located at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to the members on Friday, March 16, 2018.

1. Roll Call & Notice of Meeting:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Russell Brandt, President		x (excused)
Jeff Behrend	x	
Marlyss Thiel	x	
Lee Fredericks	x	
Rick Gundrum, President Pro Tem	x	
Rick Kohl	x	
Dean Otte	x	
Robert Stuetgen	x	
Scott Stortz	x	
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Also Present:

Jessi Balcom, Village Administrator
Jim Haggerty, Village Engineer/DPW Director
Margaret Wilber, Village Treasurer
Scott Harrington, Vandewalle & Associates
Jackie Mich, Vandewalle & Associates

President Pro Tem Gundrum informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

2. Approval of Minutes December 11, 2017

Motion Behrend/Stuetgen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

3. Discussion and update:

A. Community Park

The Village held an Open House prior to this meeting (4:30-6 p.m.) regarding a proposal to build a loop off of the Ice Age Trail through Community Park. The Committee discussed reactions to this proposed downtown project. Comments expressed by Open House attendees ranged from positive to negative. Most concerns centered on potential littering, vandalism and trespassing onto private property. Many positive comments included increased connectivity for the community and access to natural areas.

Motion Stortz/Otte to advise staff to move forward with preparation of the Knowles – Nelson Stewardship Grant application. Motion passed.

B. Downtown

An update was provided regarding the last downtown business roundtable held to update the community on economic development initiatives and gather feedback. It was noted that the downtown business owners are looking for the Village to take a more proactive role in property maintenance. The Steering

Committee advised staff to begin looking at the Village of Richfield, Village of Sussex and City of Hartford’s property maintenance codes and come back with a proposal to address property maintenance issues.

The concept of a Redevelopment District as a possible way to initiate economic development in the downtown was reviewed.

It was noted that Washington County is working toward getting closure from the DNR on the Nippos property.

C. East Commerce Blvd and E Washington St

Jackie Mich of Vandewalle noted that they are reaching out to property owners to better understand their future plans for properties along these corridors.

D. Town Services Agreements

Staff noted that the Village is putting together a list of possible road plowing/maintenance areas that could be worked on together with the Towns and will reach out to discuss these ideas.

Jackie Mich explained that creating an official map for the Village could be a benefit in the planning of and preparation for future growth.

4. Adjourn Meeting

Motion Stuetgen/Thiel to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed.

Approved By: _____
Rick Gundrum, President Pro Tem

Drafted By: Jessi Balcom, Village Administrator